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## Local Authorities (Standard By-laws) Act, No. 6 of 1952

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AN ACT TO AUTHORISE THE FRAMING OF STANDARD  
BY-LAWS FOR ADOPTION BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

[Date of Assent: January 16, 1952.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Representatives of Ceylon in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Local Authorities (Standard By-laws) Act, No. 6 of 1952.

Short title.

2. (1) It shall be lawful for the Minister to frame draft by-laws with respect to any subject or matter with respect to which a local authority is empowered by any other written law to make by-laws, and to cause such draft by-laws to be published in the *Gazette*.

Framing, publication and approval of standard by-laws.

(2) Draft by-laws shall, when published in the *Gazette* under sub-section (1), be accompanied by a declaration specifying—

(a) the class or each class of local authorities authorised to adopt the by-laws in accordance with this Act; and

(b) the appropriate provision of other written law by which local authorities of each such specified class are empowered to make by-laws containing the provisions comprised in the draft by-laws.

(3) Where draft by-laws framed and published as hereinbefore provided are approved by resolution passed respectively by the Senate and the House of Representatives, and notice of such approval has been published in the *Gazette*, the draft by-laws shall be standard by-laws for the purposes of this Act.

3. (1) Any local authority of any class which is authorised in a declaration under sub-section (2) of section 2 to adopt any standard by-laws may by resolution adopt such by-laws; and with effect from the date of the publication of such resolution in the *Gazette* or on such later date as may be specified in the resolution, the standard by-laws so adopted shall come into force in the area within the administrative limits of that authority, and shall for all purposes be deemed to be and have the same effect as by-laws made by that local

Adoption of standard by-laws by local authority.



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**5.** (1) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to abridge or otherwise affect the power of a local authority to make by-laws under any other written law.

Saving of  
general  
powers of  
local  
authorities,  
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(2) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to confer on any standard by-law adopted by any local authority any greater validity than it would have had if it had been duly made by that authority under any other written law.

**6.** In this Act, "local authority" means any Municipal Council, Urban Council, Town Council, or Village Committee.

Meaning of  
"local  
authority".